

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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✓ 1. A software reproduction apparatus for reproducing encrypted or non-encrypted software data offered by a medium or by communications, and for 5 executing monetary charges according to the usage amount of the software comprising of:

input switchover means for switching input routes according to the type of medium or communications;

software management means for decoding encrypted 10 software data and for managing monetary charges according to the usage amounts of this software data,

data conversion means for converting decoded data outputted from said software management means to output data offered to the user, and

15 output route switchover means provided as the prior step of said software management means for outputting to said software management means encrypted software data, and for outputting to said data conversion section non-encrypted software data.

20 2. The software reproduction apparatus of claim 1 wherein said input switchover means is comprised of first switchover means for performing switch overs of output to the signal processing means for performing unique signal processing based on the characteristics of 25 the communications or the medium of the inputted software data, and

second switchover means for inputting output from

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5 said signal processing means, and for performing switch overs of output to the error processing means for conducting error processing based on the characteristics of the communications or the medium.

3. The software reproduction apparatus of claim 1 further comprising of drive apparatus for installing a writable medium,

10 writing means for writing on to said medium encrypted software data obtained from the said input route prior to its output to said software management means,

15 and a means for reading out encrypted software data written on said medium.

4. The software reproduction apparatus of claim 2 wherein said error management means is equipped with an error check code generation section for generating new error check codes corresponding to the said writable medium.

20 ✓ 5. A software reproduction apparatus for reproducing encrypted or non-encrypted software data offered and registered on a medium or communications comprising of:

reading means for reading out software data from communications or a medium,

25 writing means for writing on to a writable medium software data that has been read out, and

data conversion means for reading out software data from said writable medium and for converting this data to output data for offering to a user.

6. The software reproduction apparatus of claim 5
5 wherein said data conversion means is equipped with a decoding means for decoding encoded software data.

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